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## Via ECF

Hon. Jennifer L. Rochon, U.S.D.J. Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007 The request is GRANTED. Mr. Kozak is excused from appearing at the Initial Pretrial Conference on January 23, 2023.

Dated: January 19, 2023 New York, New York

JENNIFER L/ROCHON United States District Judge

Re: John Pitcher and Carolyn Pitcher v. Union Carbide Corporation, et

al.

**Civil Action No.: 1:22-cv-09813(JLR)** 

## Dear Judge Rochon:

This office represents Defendant Whittaker, Clark & Daniels, Inc. ("WCD") in the above-referenced matter. On November 29, 2022, Your Honor issued an Order scheduling an Initial Pretrial Conference for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, subsequently rescheduled to Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. via Notice of Electronic Filing. Your Honor's Notice requires that "principal trial counsel" appear at this conference. Principal trial counsel for WCD in this matter, Christopher S. Kozak, is currently on trial in a Connecticut case, which is continuing the week of January 23, 2023. As such, Mr. Kozak will be unable to attend the Initial Pretrial Conference before Your Honor on Monday, January 23, 2023.

WCD respectfully requests that you permit Elizabeth D. Dreisbach, Esq., who is fully familiar with this matter, to appear on its behalf in Mr. Kozak's stead.

We thank Your Honor for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Elizabeth D. Dreisbach

Elizabeth D. Dreisbach, Esq.